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Combined Search and Examination Report under Sections 17 & 18(3)

Allowance of the divisional date

1. Your request that this application be treated as having been filed on 2 August 2002, which is the same date of filing as your earlier application number GB0401853.7, has been allowed.

Novelty

2. The invention as defined in claims 1 and 2 is not new because it has already been disclosed in the following document:

WO 02/37794 A1 (Multimedia Engineering) see especially figures 14 to 16 and page 19, line 10 to page 21, line 20. EP regional 1342356

In the document data exchanged by a Smart IP phone and a computer or another Smart IP phone, as shown on Figure 10, are encrypted by the encryption engine of the card. Figure 14 shows a message flow for an embodiment of the invention which is the same as given in claims 1 and 2. When phone B has digitized user B's voice message or other type of message, it sends it to card B engine for encryption in this card. As a result, an encryption key does not leave the card at any moment. Encrypted data is sent back to the phone which sends it to phone A. Phone A sends these encrypted data to card A engine. After decryption by card A engine, data is sent back to phone A, that now converts it to an understandable audio signal into phone A earphones or to any other type of signal required. When user A replies, the same process occurs, using card A for encryption. This document does not show the compression of the phone data on the card (it is done on the phone) and since it forms part of the state of the art by virtue of section 2(3) it cannot be used to indicate that claim 3 is obvious and it is not anticipated.

Clarity

3. The "Clauses" on pages 27 to 33 of the application are superfluous and confuse the scope of protection sought. These clauses should be removed.

4. The summary of invention on pages 6 and 7 should be amended to reflect the claims of this divisional application alone and not also those originally filed on the parent application GB 0401853.7.